

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

John K. HOWARD

Serial No.: 10/068,854

Filed: February 11, 2002



Customer Number: 20277

Confirmation Number: 8969

Group Art Unit: 1634

Examiner: Bradley L. SISSON

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING DNA HYBRIDIZATION

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Restriction Requirement
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Noting the Office Action of July 22, 2003 wherein restriction has been required, Applicant(s) hereby elect Group I (claims 1-17, drawn to an apparatus for identifying an unknown DNA) for prosecution in the above-identified application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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